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1. WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN USAF AND NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE LIKELY TO BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING (VIA POUCH OR CABLE) FOR PRELIMINARY EMBASSY REVIEW A COPY OF THE DRAFT COB AGREEMENT WHICH THE CINCEUR/ CINCUSAFE NEGOTIATING TEAM PLANS TO PRESENT TO THE NORWEGIANS.

2. ONE POINT ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION BEFORE AUTHORIZING OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS IS THE ROLE, IF ANY, OF MARINE FORCES AND RELATED AIRBASING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN OVER-ALL COLLOCATED OPERATING BASE (COB) CONCEPT FOR NORWAY. OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND

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NOVEMBER 13 BRIEFING AT EMBASSY IS THAT RATIONALE FOR REQUESTING WARTIME USE OF EIGHT BASES RATHER THAN FOUR IS

THAT USAFE REQUIRES FOUR, SACLANT REQUIRES THREE FOR MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE (MAF) AIRWINGS, AND ONE WOULD BE AN ALTERNATE FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES.

3. TO CLARIFY OUR CONFUSION IN THIS REGARD, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. IS THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATING PACKAGE FULLY COORDINATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL CONCERNED COMMANDS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS?

B. IF THE MAF CONCEPT IS PART OF AN ALREADY APPROVED SACLANT/SACEUR CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE NORTHERN FLANK, SHOULD THE BASING REQUIREMENTS FOR MARINE AIRWINGS WHICH FORM PART OF THE MAF BE INCLUDED IN THESE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND DO THE THREE BASES DESIRED REPRESENT SACLANT'S TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WARTIME USE OF AIRBASES IN NORWAY?

4. ASSUME MORE COMPLETE RESPONSE TO REF B, WHICH RAISED QUESTION OF ROLE OF NATO IN PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS, IS BEING PREPARED. BYRNE

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